

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 10-13 and 15-31 are pending in the present application.

Claims 10-13 are currently withdrawn.

Claim 1 is amended to remove the group -NR⁸R⁹.

Claim 7 is amended to independent form.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sumioka et al. (US 2003/0072923).

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the group -NR⁸R⁹ thereby rendering the rejection of claim 1 moot.

Claims 2-6 ultimately depend from claim 1 and are patentable over Sumioka et al. due to the amendment of claim 1.

The compounds listed in claim 7 are not recited in Sumioka et al. therefore the rejection is improper. More specifically, the compounds listed in Sumioka et al. have an additional -NR group between the carboxyl group and the remainder of the molecule.

The rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sumioka et al. is overcome by amendment and/or traversed.

New

Claims 15-31 are newly added claims which are believed to be patentable over the art of record. No new matter is entered by the amendment.

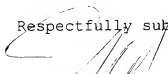
Withdrawn Claims

Claims 10-13 are currently withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species. In the event that the rejection based on Sumioka et al. is withdrawn Applicants request a search and examination of claims 10-13 on the merits.

CONCLUSIONS

Claims 1-7, 10-13 and 15-31 are pending in the present application. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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